Eastern Michigan USAFA Parents

Fall Meeting

Home of Dr. Dwijen Misra

10 August 2019

Following introductory mingling in addition to salads and appetizers, the meeting was called to order by former club secretary Loran Brooks. Loran introduced new President Jim Putlock who delivered the list of new officers for unanimous affirmative vote:

President: Jim Putlock

Vice President: Jake Benigni

Secretary: Chris Heidenreich

Treasurer Bob Besiger

The following items financial items were presented and discussed:

1. **Membership:**
2. Cost: $150 for four years or $50 per year for parent family
3. Name tags are being ordered for membership
4. **Account Finances:**
   1. Balance:$4,156.82 in two bank accounts (one for membership; one for activities)
      1. Golf Outing: $983.72
   2. Anticipated Expenses
      1. All-Academy Ball with the Naval Academy Parents Club of Eastern MI

**All-Academy Ball Update** was given by All-Academy Ball Chair Magaret Brooks.

* Sun., Dec. 22, 2019, at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth, MI, with the purpose of recognizing cadets and midshipmen. The goal is to have more than 300 guests.
* Ticket Prices:
  + $65 per ticket up to 9/15/19
  + $75 per ticket after 9/15/19
  + $15 per cadet/midshipman

NEEDS: Donations and sponsorships are needed from businesses for the ball’s silent auction. Margaret will email the membership paperwork for donations. It was expressed that the raffle be “cadet-friendly” with the goal of gift cards from restaurants, business, and entertainment venues in Colorado Springs. Parents Weekend would be the ideal time for parents to solicit those donations. Further, items for the silent auction are needed that would include crafts, wine baskets, spa packages, entertainment tickets, etc.)

CHALLENGE: Every family donate at least one needed item to club by November 2019. Margaret also asked the parents to consider helping on the day of the event with setup, tear down, and operations during the event. More to come on this from Margaret.

**ADDITIONAL PARENT CLUB OPPORTUNITIES:**

The following are opportunities that need your involvement:

* + - 1. Golf outing chair(s) and volunteers
      2. Gift Chair (Cadet birthdays, Dark Ages of Jan-March time, Valentine’s Day
      3. Graduation – Silver Dollar (per tradition of graduate receiving first salute)

**PARENTS WEEKEND 2019**

1. PARKING (Suggested): After entering the North Gate, go to the 2nd right turn for closer parking for the Fri. AM Squadron parade.
2. GAME DAY: Parents must be escorted by cadet to the Cadet Tailgate Party area by stadium
3. SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS:
   1. Parade Day Schedule CHANGE: Fri., Aug. 30 is a regular academic day for the cadets. They will attend their first three classes before the squadron parade, march in the squadron parade, and then be permitted to lunch with their families until 12:30 PM. Then, cadets will return to their last three classes. Cadets will be released AFTER the 4:30 PM Open Houses. Again, this is a change from previous years.

**Upcoming Eastern MI Parents Club Events: (Mark your calendars!)**

1. USAFA Football Game Viewing Parties:
   1. Oct. 5
   2. Nov. 2
2. Grad Info Party – Loran and Margaret Brooks’ home—date and time TBD
3. All-Academy Ball – Sun., Dec. 22

**The meeting was adjourned followed by luncheon and socializing.**

Don’t forget! Sign up for the Eastern Michigan Facebook group! Got information? Email Beth Heidenreich at [beth.heidenreich@gmail.com](mailto:beth.heidenreich@gmail.com), and Beth will post pics and items of interest for our club!